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photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Good Charlotte, a Maryland band, performed on the Mall in Washington as the National Football League launched its 2003 season, dubbed Operation Tribute to Freedom, on a festive note, Sept. 4. The concert was dedicated to servicemembers around the globe who have participated in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The concert hosted over 20,000 servicemembers and each servicemember and their family were given special seating for the event.

**NFL launches new season, dubbed
Operation Tribute to Freedom**

by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt
Editor, *The Voice*

The National Football League launched its 2003 season hosting a massive concert on the Mall in Washington with a bombastic pop prelude to the season-opening game that matched the Washington Redskins vs. the New York Jets, Sept. 4.

Dubbed Operation Tribute to Freedom, the concert was dedicated to servicemembers around the globe who participated in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The concert hosted over 20,000 servicemembers who were afforded the luxury of front row seats, free

gifts and the honor of introducing each group performing. Tens of thousands of fans from the Washington area packed into the rest of the historic area.

“It was great to see these top-notch performers from the pop world in such a close venue,” said Staff Sgt. Jay Dougherty, non-commissioned officer in charge of Epes Dental Clinic on Fort George G. Meade, Md. “It was an awesome tribute to all the men and women who have given up so much for this country during this tough time in American history.”

Every year the NFL starts the season off with a bang. Last year’s season opening concert was held in Times Square in the heart of New York City. This year’s event, set between the Capitol and the

Washington Monument, was put on by the NFL with the hefty price tag of ten million dollars.

The evening’s festivities began with an hour of shower filled fun, thanks in part to Mother Nature herself. Once the downpour ended and the mud cakes began, the capacity crowd enjoyed the world-renowned pop acts of Good Charlotte, Aerosmith, Mary J. Blige, Britney Spears and Aretha Franklin.

The festivities started off a little after 6 p.m. when Good Charlotte, who opened with their biggest hit “Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous,” won the crowd over with their alternative rock style. Once Good Charlotte left the stage, Mary J. Blige, backed by five ——— (go to NFL, page 12)

More PT Sergeant, More PT, We Like it, We Love it, We Want More of it

Big Dogs work out, get in shape, have fun during company PT



photos by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt
1st Sgt. William Bach, first sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, leads the “Big Dogs” on an 18-station circuit training course during company physical fitness training on Fort George G. Meade, Md. Bach led the HHC troops as the Big Dog himself looked on to make sure everyone had a good workout.



Staff Sgt. Pamela Batiste, platoon sergeant, hands the medicine ball back to her group at the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, circuit training session. HHC held an 18-station circuit training session to inspire esprit de corps throughout the company. In the back of the line, Sgt. 1st Class Alicia Whittington, brigade equal opportunity representative, orders the photographer not to take her picture.



Staff Sgt. Dennis Lindsey, non-commissioned officer in charge, brigade Information Management Office, knocks out some sit-ups at one of the 18-stations during the circuit training session.



Staff Sgt. Christopher Rudy, platoon sergeant, pushes his station to do more push-ups. Observing in the background is 1st Sgt. William Bach, who concluded Rudy’s station was not working out hard enough. Rudy had to push himself to make up for his stations’ deficiencies.



Spc. Scott Sawyer, brigade plans and operations administrative assistant, lifts a dummy M16A2 at his station.



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The 704th Military Intelligence Brigade’s mission is to conduct continuous full-spectrum signals intelligence, computer network and information security operations directly, and through NSA to satisfy National, Joint, Combined and Army information superiority requirements. It’s focus is to ensure mission accomplishment in an ethical environment while providing opportunities for individual professional growth and satisfaction, we must have:

- Competent and caring leaders,
- Well trained and fit soldiers,
- Efficient, effective unit operations,
- Unit cohesion and pride,
- Planned, orderly growth and change.

We are Here and Everywhere

Youngest NCO named Keeper of the Coin



Sgt. Jeremy Lengle has been named the new 704th Military Intelligence Brigade Keeper of the Coin by Command Sgt. Maj. Randy Wilson, command sergeant major, 704th MI Brigade, at the Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony held at McGill Hall on Fort George G. Meade, Md., Sept. 5. Each quarter the youngest NCO in the brigade is dubbed the Keeper of the Coin by the brigade command sergeant major. The Keeper of the Coin must have in his or her possession at all times the coin and the new NCO must produce the coin to the command sergeant major every nine days to make sure the coveted Air Assault coin is still in safe keeping. Any NCO in the brigade can ask the Keeper of the Coin to produce it, and if the Keeper of the Coin doesn't have the coin on them the consequences can be severe.

photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Justice Served

UCMJ action around 704th

The following are the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) actions within the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade from July 27 through Aug. 26.

A private first class in Company B, 741st MI Battalion, received a field grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 92: Failure to follow a direct order. The soldier received reduction to the rank of E-2, forfeiture of \$645 for one month, 45 days extra duty and 45 days restriction.

A specialist in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th MI Brigade, received a summarized Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to be at the appointed place of duty. The soldier received seven days extra duty and seven days restriction.

A specialist in Company A, 743rd MI Battalion, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 91: Insubordinate conduct towards a warrant officer, noncommissioned officer, or petty officer. The soldier received 14 days extra duty.

A specialist in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th MI Brigade, received a summarized Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to go to appointed place of duty. The soldier received 14 days extra duty, 14 days restriction and oral reprimand.

A private in Headquarters and Operations Company, 741st MI Battalion, received a field grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to go to appointed place of duty. The soldier received reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$268, 14 days extra duty and 14 days restriction.

Brigade newest NCOs inducted



The 704th Military Intelligence Brigade inducted five new noncommissioned officers into the NCO Corps at an NCO Induction Ceremony held at McGill Hall on Fort George G. Meade, Md., Sept. 5. The new sergeants had to sign the NCO creed with Command Sgt. Maj. Randy Wilson, command sergeant major, 704th MI Brigade, signifying they understood the obligation, as part of the NCO Corps, they were about to take on and to formally induct them into the "Backbone of the Army." Inducted sergeants were from left, Sgt. Daneeka Thomas, Sgt. Timothy Roshek, Sgt. Jeremy Lengle, Sgt. Jeremy Herrera and Sgt. Michael Boddie.

photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Legal Office opens at Gate 10

The 704th Military Intelligence Brigade Legal Office has rearranged its personnel. The Legal Assistance Office at Gate House 10 on Samford Ave. at Fort George G. Meade, Md., now has a staffed Legal Assistance Office. They will be able to perform a variety of services such as Powers of Attorney, Wills and basic Legal assistance. For more information about legal assistance call Sgt. Laura Watson at (301) 688-6533.

NSA's ATCAE take time out of busy schedule for group photo



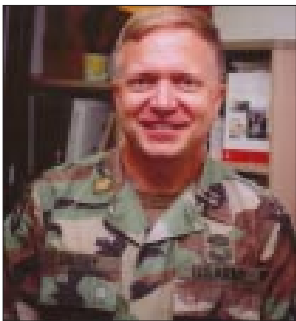
The National Security Agency's Army Technical Control and Analysis Element (ATCAE) got together one afternoon to show-off its 150 member team at Aviation Park on Fort George G. Meade, Md. The ATCAE provides general intelligence to the warfighters deployed worldwide.

photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Chaplain's Corner: Greatness Resides in all of Us

by Maj. David Causey
Brigade Chaplain

Israel Isadore Baline was born to Jewish parents, on May 11, 1988, in Temun, Siberia, Russia. His family immigrated to the United States in hopes of a better life, but "Izzy" grew up in abject poverty in New York City's Lower Eastside.



After his father died, Izzy went to work full-time. But when he failed to earn as much as his brothers and sisters he left home at the age of 13, because he didn't want to be a burden to his family.

Now homeless, Izzy slept in stairwells and on park benches. He tried a series of odd jobs; selling newspapers, working the dock, etc., but just couldn't make anything work.

Finally Izzy got a job as a singing waiter and dreamed of making a career in music, especially as a song-writer. But there were a few problems. First, Izzy was uneducated. He had only reached the third grade. Second, although Izzy taught himself to play the piano, he could only play it in one key – F sharp. Third, Izzy couldn't read music – throughout his life he would have to rely on a "musical secretary" to compose music as he

thought out the melody in his head.

Years later, while serving in the Army during the First World War, Izzy composed a patriotic song and sang it for his musical secretary, Harry Ruby. Ruby listened to the song, frowned and said, "Geez, not another patriotic song!" A discouraged Izzy, now called Irving, threw the song into his trunk of rejects.

There the rejected song stayed for 20 years until on the eve of the Second World War, when he gave it to singer Kate Smith to use. The song was an instant success and became so popular nation-wide that most Americans wanted to make it to the National Anthem. The reject-song was "God Bless America." The song-writer was Irving Berlin. Despite his limitations in music, education, and opportunities he went on to write more than 1,500 songs and publish nearly 1,000 of them. One-half of these became hits, 100 went to the top ten, and 35 reached "number one" in the nation.

Hits like "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Blue Skies," "A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody," "Cheek To Cheek" and "White Christmas" made Irving Berlin, the poor Russian-Jewish immigrant, with little education and no training in music, widely recognized as America's greatest song writer.

What limitations do we think we have? What excuses are we making for ourselves for not succeeding, for not even trying? God is our Creator. He is able to take the raw material of our lives and fashion us into something great. Let us ask Him for His help.

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in MOD #1, Bldg. #T-10

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The Scripture says, "O Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay and You are the Potter; we are all the work of Your hands." (Isaiah 64:8)

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NCO asks “Why do you stay in the Army?”

by Sgt. 1st Class Joseph W. Powers
Company B, 742nd MI Battalion

Why do you stay? You could make so much more money? Many have pressed me with these questions my entire career. Believe me, I have given the questions a great deal of thought. So, let me tell you why I have reenlisted so many times.

First, I’ll give you a little background information on myself since a great number of decisions are based on a person’s background. I am originally from a small town. Family values are highly respected. Jobs primarily consist of factory work, construction, and farm work with some official work (law enforcement and fire) and professional work. The last two are very competitive areas.

I was raised in a family of the first three occupations. I started pursuing a career in Law Enforcement. One of my best friends and I were going to be Kentucky State Troopers.

I developed a primary plan for Law Enforcement. Remembering the competitiveness of this job, I thought of all the areas that would strengthen my chances for acceptance into the state trooper academy with the possibility of the FBI in the future. I would pursue the areas of law, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), fire, water, air, self-defense, a secondary language, martial arts and experience. So, I took on 15 to 18 college hours a semester at a local community college, emergency medical services at a technical school, volunteered at the fire department, took scuba diving and I was in the Army Reserves.

To pay for it all, at one time, I had three jobs. Well, finally it came to a halt, but I did receive my Associate degree from a community college. I was tired, and I didn’t have the money required for a university. I thought about it, and I believed active duty military was the answer. Unfortunately, I would have to leave home temporarily. But, I would return with a lot of college money and military training. So my adventure began, and I left my hometown to become a full-time soldier.

After finishing Advanced Individual Training, I arrived at Fort George G. Meade, Md., my first duty station. Once I realized my job and hours were somewhat stable, I discussed my life goals with my supervisor. With approval and support, I began pursuing my goals.

The objective of my goals were the following: Law classes because the Army supported me with 75 percent tuition assistance; Fire and EMS training, because the Laurel (Md.) Volunteer Rescue Squad provided me with free training in return for one 12 hour weekly shift; Air training, because the Fort Meade Military Aero Club provided me with private pilot lessons; and the military, because it provided me with Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) school and bus driver training.

When I thought I was running out of hours in

the week, I received reassignment orders for Hawaii. Upon arrival in Hawaii, I started assessing my situation, and I realized that I could pursue my goals again.

While in Hawaii, I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Justice Administration, Single Engine Land Private Pilot License, Professional Dive Master certification and Air Assault School.

But, my time in Hawaii was coming to an end. By this time, I had accomplished the majority of my goals, so I started setting new goals for myself. I always liked math and computers, so I started pursuing a Masters of Science degree in Information Systems. My wife and I cleared Hawaii and departed for Fort Meade, once again.

When I arrived in Maryland, my objective was to finish my Master of Science degree in Information Systems and prepare for the civilian life. While in my new unit, I thought about separating from the Army, I decided to test the job market.

I took on a software tester job at a local corporation. Also, I went for job interviews to get an idea of the computer job market. I wanted to validate these high-dollar jobs everyone had been talking about, and I thought I had some qualifying skills.

After several interviews for high paying jobs, I came away feeling no sense of job security, less benefits and an objective to make someone else richer. If I failed to meet their objective, I would possibly be terminated. I felt the atmosphere was “you can take-it or leave-it.”

For me, the money wasn’t worth it. I didn’t feel any sense of pride or unit cohesion. My overall outlook for pursuing my goals even changed. It changed from money and returning home to just returning home quickly and living comfortably.

I began to view retirement in the Army as a lifetime mortgage for a house with land, food and free or low cost medical care for my family. Also, I would have a lifelong sense of pride in my job. With all this in mind, I decided to seek military retirement.

My opportunities for travel and training in the military have been great. I definitely want to send out a great number of thanks; To God, to my wife for her never-ending support, to all the great NCOs and leaders who counseled and mentored me and to the Army for giving me so many great opportunities. I’ve received a lot of great training and reenlistment bonuses. I still have over-half of my GI Bill remaining.

Most people back home tell me to stay in the Army. They think I have a great, secure, stable and honorable lifestyle compared to what is available in my hometown. The Army isn’t for everybody. Everyone has different lifelong goals. You have to figure out if the Army can help you meet your goals. Remember, don’t let others control your decision. Use their advice to make the best decisions to meet your goals. Hopefully, I will get to retire, return to my hometown and let potential soldiers know of the adventures awaiting them outside of the home.

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Craig wins INSCOM Linguist of the Year

by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt
Editor, The Voice

Staff Sgt. Jon Craig, a Russian linguist working at the National Security Agency on Fort George G. Meade, Md., Company C, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, has been awarded the Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) Linguist of the Year for Fiscal Year 2003.

Craig, a native of Alexandria, La., entered the military in 1987 and graduated from Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He went on to Advanced Individual Training at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, to obtain the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) Russian linguist. In addition, Craig speaks German, Serbo-Croatian and Ukranian.

“I was in language training in Germany when I found out I had won the INSCOM Linguist of the Year,” said Craig. “I was surprised to win, but I was also very pleased.”

“Often linguists who work in a strategic units like the NSA have to work where everything is classified,” continued Craig. “Before, when I



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Staff Sgt. Jon Craig, Russian linguist working at the National Security Agency on Fort George G. Meade, Md., has been named the Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) Linguist of the Year for Fiscal Year 2003.

worked in a tactical unit, I never worked with Russian, but since I’ve been here for the last two-and-a-half years I’ve been working with the Russian language everyday. I’m grateful to be working the language and proud to demonstrate my

proficiency with Russian.”

To become INSCOM’s Linguist of the Year, soldiers must first be MOS qualified to speak a second language and hold a language dependent duty position. Linguists submit a packet containing letters of

recommendation, a Department of the Army photo, Army Physical Fitness Test card, service history packet, copy of the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) and a two-page essay. A panel reviews the packets and picks a winner. Over 1,000 linguists from around INSCOM compete for the title.

Craig became the INSCOM Linguist of the Year after he was named the 741st MI Battalion Linguist of the Quarter, 704th MI Brigade Linguist of the Quarter and the 704th MI Brigade Linguist of the Year for Fiscal Year 2003.

“I believe what got me the award was I’ve always kept my soldier attributes up,” said Craig. “I scored 350 points on my APFT out of a possible 300, and I shot expert on weapons qualification. During my 16 years of service, I’ve always kept my soldier skills up and I’ve always studied.”

For winning the INSCOM Linguist of the Year, Craig received a \$10,000 grant for Russian language training, \$500 savings bond, cold,hard cash, gift certificates, plaques, trophies, a watch, five coins to include one from the Sergeant Major of the Army and an Army Commendation Medal.

HHC soldier uses Army skills to help victim *Minnick used Evaluate a Casualty to help woman in car crash*

by Spc. Angela Williams
HHC, 704th MI Brigade

One might think enjoying a day at the Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) Organizational Day would be filled with memories of fun, games, socializing and winning the coveted INSCOM Commander’s Cup. But for Sgt. 1st Class Homer Minnick, brigade operations noncommissioned officer in charge, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, it was a day he will never forget.

On a warm Friday morning, Aug. 1, Minnick was driving down to enjoy the INSCOM O’Day festivities at Fort Belvoir, Va. While waiting in stand still traffic about a mile from the Woodrow Wilson Bridge a car was struck, behind Minnick, by an 18-wheeler.

“I was about three car lengths in front of the car that was hit,” said Minnick. “The car was hit so hard that it was pushed up right next to my car.”

Without hesitation, Minnick put on his hazard lights and jumped out of his car to help the passenger of the disabled car.

“When I first came up to the lady she was very disoriented,” said Minnick. “She had a cell phone in her hand, but she was so confused she didn’t know what to do with it. She also complained that her abdomen was hurting and she was starting to shake when I talked to her.”

Using a skill Minnick learned in the Army, evaluating a casualty, he diagnosed that the victim of the car crash was possibly going into shock and he needed to calm her down and keep her calm until the paramedics arrived on the scene.

“I just kept talking to her and kept trying to calm her down,” continued Minnick. “I used her cell phone to call 911. Then I called her husband and her work to let them know what had happened. I also checked to see if she had any neck or back injuries, but she didn’t appear to.”

“When the paramedics and the state trooper arrived, I briefed them on what had happened and what I had done with the victim of the car crash,” added Minnick. “Her car was completely destroyed. The car’s trunk was touching the back seats.”



photo by Spc. Angela Williams

Sgt. 1st Class Homer Minnick, brigade operations noncommissioned officer in charge, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, used a skill he learned in the Army, evaluate a casualty, to help a victim of a car crash.

Although Minnick was there with the woman during that traumatic time, he never found out what her name was or what happened to her at the hospital. She was a complete stranger to him. Taking care of someone in need was just an instinct for Minnick.

“I’m not a hero, I just did what any soldier would do,” said Minnick.

Quest for Cup brings 743rd MI together

by Capt. Darcy Lewis
743rd MI Battalion

The 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion held its annual Organization Day Aug. 8, 2003, on a cool summer morning, but as the day wore on the temperature soon grew hot when tempers begin to fly during the Commanders' Cup competition.

The morning games started off with a very close ultimate Frisbee game, followed by an intense basketball game and then finally the volleyball match. At each game, company commanders were extremely high-spirited as their teams vied for the win.

Midway through the day's activities, everyone took a break for lunch. Patrons of the event enjoyed a tasty, catered barbeque feast. During lunch, soldiers and family members of the battalion were entertained by soldiers being dunked over and over again in the dunk tank. Everyone was given the opportunity to dunk first sergeants, company commanders and others who needed a little cooling off.

After lunch, the much-anticipated softball game kicked off. At the same time, there was a mean match of horseshoes and a no-holds-barred domino game. The final events of the day were tug-of-war and relay races. After totaling all the scores, it was clear that HOC came out the triumphant company. Capt. Craig Wedley, commander of HOC, now safeguards the Commander's Cup and has bragging rights for the entire year.

In addition to the competitive sports, there were many activities. Children entertained themselves for hours in the trampoline cage from the moment the inflatable cage was erected to the moment it was torn down. They also enjoyed potato sack races where each child was awarded a first, second and third place ribbon.

After all was said and done, this was a great



courtesy photo

Capt. Craig Wedley, commander, Headquarters and Operations Company, 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, kisses the Commander's Cup after his company was named the overall winner of the day's competition at the 743rd MI Battalion Organization Day, Aug. 8. HOC beat out Company A and Company B with its overall points in basketball, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, softball and tug-of-war to capture the title.

O'Day, because in addition to having a relaxing and fun time, there were no injuries or accidents. Big thanks go to all who helped make this O'Day so enjoyable for the 743rd MI Battalion.

Brigade soldiers reflect on PLDC experience

by Spc. Angela Williams
HHC, 704th MI Brigade

One might think the Primary Leadership Development Course is just a step up from Basic Training, but for two soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, it was a time of learning the detailed steps of becoming a non-commissioned officer.

Spc. Franklin Pipes, standard installation and division personnel system (SIDPERS) clerk and Spc. Jeremy Herrera, signal intelligence analyst, attended PLDC at Fort Knox, Ky., June 30 to July 31 where they became highly trained soldiers of the NCO world.

Each soldier was evaluated for their leadership skills, but Pipes was afforded the opportunity to

become the student first sergeant for a week during his time at PLDC.

Pipes also received the PLDC Leadership Award. This is awarded to the soldier who demonstrates outstanding leadership skills throughout the course. They are nominated by their peers and go before the commandant and a board made up of cadre.

"It was interesting learning leadership styles at different levels from team leader to first sergeant," said Pipes.

Pipes and Herrera both made the Commandant's List. This list is made up of the top twenty-percent of the class who did not have any counseling statements and had no failures in any testing area. Both soldiers agree that the training was good.

"It was a good experience to lead other soldiers of your same rank," added Herrera. "It gives you a little more respect for those put in



photo by 1st Sgt. William Bach

Spc. Jeremy Herrera, left, and Spc. Franklin Pipes both graduated from the Primary Leadership Development Course at Fort Knox, Ky., on the Commandant's List.

leadership positions. You know where they are coming from."

Around the Army

SMA Jack Tilley announces retirement plans

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — The Army's top enlisted soldier announced his retirement plans at the Army Retirement Services conference in Crystal City, Va.

After almost 35 years of service, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley announced that he will be retiring in January.

Tilley was speaking to retirement services officers and transition personnel at their biennial conference.

In his opening statement, he thanked the audience for everything they do.

"You make a difference in the attitudes of soldiers as they leave the military," Tilley said.

He went on to captivate and motivate the audience with stories of wounded soldiers and personal experience of his retirement preparation. The room filled with laughter as he told jokes about his years in service and being a grandfather.

Tilley focused on the importance of family and friends, and of the little things done everyday. He also stressed having faith, and staying motivated and motivating others.

"We are all leaders," Tilley said.



courtesy photo

We need to start talking to soldiers about how to plan for retirement earlier, so that they are prepared when that time comes, he added.

Ninety-seven retirement services officers and transition personnel representing 35 installations, including those in from Korea and Europe, attended this weeklong conference.

This conference gives the Army Retirement Services staff a chance to teach, mentor, and exchange ideas with personnel in the field, said retired Col. John W. Radke, chief of Army Retirement Services. It builds camaraderie, he added.

During this conference, each attendee will have an opportunity to talk one-on-one with one of the five members of the Army Retirement Services headquarters staff to discuss and analyze their individual installation practices, Radke said.

A major goal for the future is to turn these individual work sessions into actual site visits to the installations, said Radke.

After Tilley spoke, Radke presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

"I have seen him speak on several occasions, and each and every time it is deeply motivating," said Radke.

"He is a soldier's soldier," Radke said.

75th Ranger Regiment 'rendezvous' on drop zone

FORT BENNING, Ga. (Army News Service) — More than 1,500 Rangers of the 75th Ranger Regiment and its three battalions kicked off Ranger Rendezvous 2003 by jumping onto Fort Benning's Fryar Drop Zone.

Ranger Rendezvous is a weeklong regimental gathering that celebrates the unit's heritage and unites current and veteran Rangers for intramural competitions, memorial ceremonies and a regimental change of command.

The regiment's 1st and 2nd Battalions flew here from Fort Lewis, Wash., Hunter Army Air Field, Ga., to Fort Benning, Ga., to conduct the rare mass jump.

"They will do a jump like this every two years in concert with Ranger Rendezvous," said Brig. Gen. Howard Yellen, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, and also the event's first jumper. "There is nothing more exhilarating than going out the door with the 75th Ranger Regiment."

Col. Joe Votel, commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment, said the jump is significant because it brings the entire regiment together.

"It is special to have all the battalions here, coming from outlying locations," said Votel. "Everyone participates in the jump.

It is kind of a traditional activity for us."

Another thing that made this jump special, Votel said, was the fact that the Rangers had been to war together.

"We had the opportunity to go to combat with all of them over the past couple of years," said Votel. "It is a great opportunity to finish out with everybody on the drop zone."

Maj. David Morrison from the regiment's headquarters said the paratroopers jumped from 1,200 feet and had a soft, smooth landing because of low winds.

"After all the rain we had, it was a nice and soft out there (on the drop zone)," Morrison said.

Airborne assaults like this are the standard at the regiment, said Morrison.

"This is our meat and potatoes right here — jumping out and seizing the objective," he said.

Even though a storm was approaching the drop zone, veteran rangers and family members showed up for the jump, said Staff Sgt. Jacob Cogins, a Ranger with the 75th Ranger Rgt.

"It is great to see such a turn out and this much support for the regiment as a whole," said Cogins. "It is great to meet a bunch of the old Rangers and for them to meet some of the new guys."



photo by Spc. Jennifer Eidson

Two rangers make their way to a rally point after a mass tactical airborne assault onto Fort Benning's Fryar Drop Zone during Ranger Rendezvous 2003. Nearly 2,000 Rangers from all three Ranger battalions participated in the airborne operation, which was designed to kick off the annual, week long Ranger gathering.

Although the rangers were happy to gather on the drop zone, Yellen said he knew they hadn't forgotten about the rangers who would not be able to rendezvous with them this year.

"We are all jumping here, but

we still have rangers that are in harm's way," Yellen said. "And I know all their ranger buddies will be thinking of them throughout the week as they continue to do our nation's business in support of the Global War on Terrorism."

Around the Army

Stryker conducts first overseas live-fire in Korea

YONGSAN, Republic of Korea (Army News Service) — A platoon from the Army’s first Stryker Brigade traveled to Korea for training and to demonstrate its capabilities to the international community.

The platoon conducted a capabilities demonstration for the Korean and international news media and a live-fire exercise for U.S. and Republic of Korea senior military at the Rodriguez Range Complex in North Kyungki Province.

The training was part of the first overseas movement of a Stryker unit. A total of six Stryker vehicles were involved in the exercise conducted by members of 3rd platoon, Company C, 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team) from Fort Lewis, Wash. The exercise demonstrated an infantry platoon’s assault onto a simulated enemy command site.

“It’s a great honor for the Army to be bringing an element of the Stryker Brigade Combat Team to Korea,” said Lt. Col. Joseph J. Piek, I Corps Public Affairs officer.

Three years ago, the U.S. Army identified a capabilities gap between its heavy and its light forces. So, the Army built the Stryker Brigade Combat Team, which is centered on the Stryker vehicles. The entire Stryker Brigade has about 300 Stryker vehicles and about 1,200 total vehicles.

“The Stryker vehicle is designed to be a very fast, very agile, and adaptive infantry carrier vehicle,” said Piek. “It is not a tank and is not designed to be a tank — it is an infantry vehicle for moving infantry soldiers.”

Capt. Eric Beaty, Co. C commander, said the training objectives during their visit to the Republic of Korea include movement training via airplane from the United States to the ROK, training in the restrictive terrain that the ROK offers, as well as demonstrating the Stryker Brigade’s capabilities to ROK officials and 8th U.S. Army.

The Army plans to field six SBCT’s. As of now, one Stryker brigade has been completely fielded and it completed its certification training.

Ten different variations of the Stryker vehicle will be constructed, eight have already been built.

Brig. Gen. Jack Gardner, I Corps and Fort Lewis’ deputy commanding general for Transformation, said that the primary reasons for the trip were to practice strategic movement, and to give the platoon the opportunity to see a different type of training.

“We’ve trained in the desert at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., and we’ve trained inside an urban area at the Joint



photo by Sgt. Lisa Jendry
Stryker infantry carrier vehicles speed out of the woodline toward their firing positions at the Rodriguez Range Complex in Korea to begin a capabilities demonstration.

Readiness Training Center in Louisiana,” said Gardner. “This gives us the chance to take the platoon into a different kind of terrain.”

In addition to the SBCT’s training in Korea, it was announced that the first Stryker Brigade will be a part of the Army’s rotation plan going to Iraq and will deploy sometime this fall.

Sgt. 1st Class Scott Davis, platoon sergeant for 3rd platoon, said that he is proud of his Stryker soldiers: “They’ve worked hard and this is the culmination of all their training and what the concept is all about.”

Davis also lauded the Stryker vehicles: “They’re an awesome vehicle. We can be anywhere in the world by air, if need be, and that’s something that you just can’t do with a heavy force.”

Staff Sgt. Aron Alexander, squad leader, said Korea provides a great opportunity to train in restrictive terrain.

“It’s a little more humidity than we’re used to, but things look pretty good,” he said. “We’re focused on training right now but we’re ready for whatever the Army wants to hand to us.”

Pvt. Robert Curtis, M-249 squad automatic weapon gunner, became a part of the Stryker Brigade Combat Team right out of basic training.

“It just feels awesome to be a part of all this new technology,” Curtis said. “It’s excellent training and the Strykers definitely got a future.”

Staff Sgt. Daniel Allemani, a squad leader, referred to the Strykers as a “different part of a different force.”

“We’re not mechanized, yet. We’re not light infantry,” he said. “We’re more like light infantry with a cool vehicle.”

Allemani said he’s been in units where you had to march 25 miles before taking out an objective.

“With the Stryker, you get taken to the closest terrain feature at a thousand meters and you move a thousand meters into it, so you’ve got fresh soldiers that are ready to rock right when they get off the vehicle.”

News Shorts

DA Statement on death of Bob Hope

WASHINGTON -- Soldiers, Army veterans and their families around the globe join me in saying “Thanks for the Memories” to America’s most inspiring entertainer and a true patriot, Mr. Bob Hope. We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the Hope family while joining an appreciative nation to honor a beloved comedian, actor, entertainer and American “ambassador of good will.”

Like his name, he symbolized hope for men and women far from home in times of war and peace. For more than 50 years, four major wars and numerous military hot spots around the world, Bob Hope unselfishly shared his American spirit of humor, Hollywood showmanship and generosity with millions of members of the Armed Forces serving our nation overseas. The joy he brought to literally thousands of soldiers serving in faraway lands under difficult conditions will always be remembered. His films, holiday shows, tireless travels with the USO and dedicated efforts to cheer soldier morale from World War II to Operation Desert Storm are truly a proud part of American history. He rightly became a legend in his own time... and for all time.

Rumsfeld signs agreement to improve quality for military communities

WASHINGTON -- Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao recently signed a memorandum of understanding to promote cooperative efforts between the departments to improve the quality of life of service members and their families, and to contribute to the quality of the American labor force.

At a Pentagon ceremony, an agreement was made to provide a framework for a broad range of continuing efforts between the departments including three important areas: connections to the job markets in America’s communities, involvement with labor laws that affect reemployment, for example training, unemployment compensation, and interest in states’ reciprocal licensing and certification requirements needed to qualify for employment.

“All of our people who serve are volunteers and we owe them a great debt of gratitude,” said Rumsfeld. “If there’s anything we can do to improve their lives and create a circumstance that’s better for them is just enormously important and this is one of them.”

The agreement will help military spouses establish careers despite having to transition among job markets due to frequent relocations. It will also strengthen the Department of Labor’s efforts to support returning reservists’ job searches, employ America’s Job Bank to recruit for military jobs, expand DoL’s employment infrastructure to support military spouse employment and encourage corporate America to hire returning reservists and military spouses.

“We are so proud of our men and women in uniform,” said Chao. “Now it’s our turn to support them by providing separating service members, military spouses and veterans with the help they need to succeed in the workforce. We are committed to connecting these men and women with employers eager to tap their dedication, talent and skills.”

Around Town

Lincoln Memorial: Symbol of Freedom

by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt
Editor, The Voice

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Abraham Lincoln. Sixteenth President of the United States. Profound symbol of American Democracy. The Lincoln Memorial celebrates the tremendous accomplishments which have united our nation for more than 200 years, and visiting this American treasure is only a short train ride away from Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Nestled quietly in Washington overlooking the nation’s capitol, the Lincoln Memorial is a tribute to President Abraham Lincoln and the nation he fought to preserve during the Civil War.

The monument, completed in 1922, was built to resemble a Greek temple with its 36 Doric columns. The columns represent each state at the time of Lincoln’s death. A magnificent sculpture of a seated Lincoln, towering at 19 feet tall and 19 feet wide, is in the center of the memorial chamber.

Inscribed on the south wall is the Gettysburg Address. Above the Gettysburg Address is a mural painted of the angel of truth freeing a slave. On the north wall is a mural showing the unity of the North and the South. Also, etched into the north wall below the mural, is Lincoln’s second inaugural speech.

Besides being one of the most recognizable monuments in the U.S., the Lincoln Memorial holds a special place in the hearts of Americans. It serves as a place to celebrate things that unite us as a nation, as well as a place to focus on the things that still divide us. As a potent symbol of American democracy, the Lincoln Memorial continues to inspire the world with its simple and dignified message of Freedom.

The Lincoln Memorial is open daily from 8 a.m. to midnight except on Christmas. It is located on 23rd Street and can be reached on the Metro by getting off on the Foggy Bottom stop.



The Lincoln Memorial, located in Washington, is a tribute to President Abraham Lincoln and the nation he fought to preserve during the Civil War.

Also, located at the museum are park rangers who can answer any question you may have about Lincoln. There is also a bookstore at the monument. For more information on the Lincoln Monument call (202) 426-6841 or go www.nps.gov/linc/.



President Abraham Lincoln

- 16th President of the United States (1861-65)
- Born: Feb. 12, 1809 in Hardin County, Ky.
- Died: April 15, 1865. Shot at Fords Theatre in Washington by John Wilkes Booth, an actor.
- Height: 6 feet, 4 inches. The tallest President.
- Party Affiliation: Republican
- Issued Emancipation Proclamation that declared slaves would be free forever within the Confederacy.

Mind Scramblers...

Oscar Mania: Below are three categories with contents numbered 1-60. Within each category there is a unique pattern that unites 10 of the 20 members. For example, 10 of the movies might have the word hat in them, or 10 of the actresses may be blondes, etc. Those ten members correspond to dots on the facing page. Connect those ten dots in the order in which the movie was released or in which the actor/actress won the Oscar and you will see the prize. Good Luck (Answers in November edition of the Voice).

Best Picture

1. About Schmidt
2. The Little Shop of Horror
3. Dick Tracy
4. Glengarry Glenn Ross
5. Ronin
6. The Insider
7. Chinatown
8. The Godfather: Part II
9. The Shining
10. A Few Good Men



11. The Godfather
12. Heat
13. Easy Rider
14. The Untouchables
15. Mars Attacks
16. Backdraft
17. Terms of Endearment
18. Batman
19. Deer Hunter
20. As Good As It Gets



Best Actor

21. Gregory Peck
22. Yul Brynner
23. Rex Harrison
24. Ben Kingsley
25. Daniel Day Lewis
26. Jack Nicholson
27. Robert DeNiro
28. Michael Douglas
29. Roberto Benigni
30. Russell Crowe



31. Laurence Olivier
32. Alec Guinness
33. Tom Hanks
34. George C. Scott
35. Marlon Brando
36. Anthony Hopkins
37. Geoffrey Rush
38. Al Pacino
39. Kevin Spacey
40. Denzel Washington

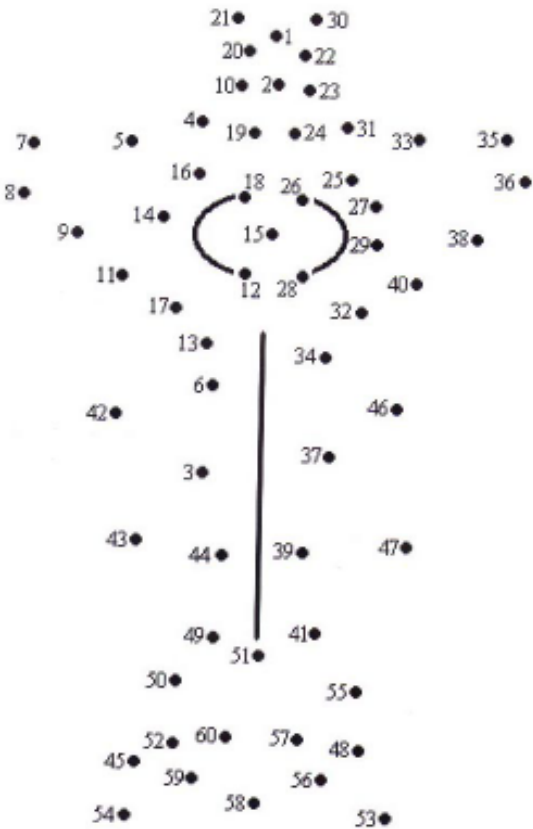


Best Actress

41. Julia Roberts
42. Halle Berry
43. Julie Christie
44. Liza Minnelli
45. Joan Crawford
46. Meryl Streep
47. Jessica Tandy
48. Shirley MacLaine
49. Jessica Lange
50. Susan Sarandon



51. Elizabeth Taylor
52. Joan Fontaine
53. Hilary Swank
54. Jodie Foster
55. Faye Dunaway
56. Julie Andrews
57. Jane Fonda
58. Sally Field
59. Cher
60. Jane Wyman



Upcoming BOSS Events



Feed the Homeless
Last Monday of every month, Oct. 27. Meet at 4217 Roberts Ave. at 5:30 p.m. Estimated time back is 9 p.m.

New York City
Oct. 4 through Oct 5. Overnight trip to NYC, includes Manhattan tour, night life and shopping .



BOSS Meetings
The Fort Meade BOSS meets every other Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m., 4217 Roberts Ave. on the third floor.

For more information on the BOSS program contact the 704th MI Brigade representative, Pfc. Rebecca Johnson, at (301)677-0745

Let your friends and family know what you're doing by filling out a Hometown News Release

Just got promoted? Won soldier of the month? Just graduated from a school or have you been anywhere interesting lately? Let your family and friends back home know what you're accomplishing. Stop by the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs Office and fill out a Hometown News Release Form (DD2266) or simply drop the completed form by the PAO office. It's fast and it's simple. If you have any questions, contact Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt at (301) 677-0173, or stop by. We are located in building 9802, room 155 on Fort George G. Meade, Md.

July Mind Scrambler answers

1. Bad Moon Rising
2. Right Now
3. Walking on Broken Glass
4. Sell Out
5. Genie in a Bottle
6. Piano Man
7. Free Falling
8. Bye Bye Bye
9. Deep Inside of You
10. Start Me Up
11. American Pie
12. Ironie
13. Circle of Life
14. Back in Black
15. Time After Time
16. Money
17. Bombs Over Baghdad
18. Comedown
19. Low Rider
20. Sunday Bloody Sunday

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leather clad dancers, took her turn singing the rhythm and blues hit Love@ 1st Sight.

But before anyone was able to clean the mud off of their low quarters, Britney Spears sprang onto the scene backed by dancers dressed in Redskins jerseys. Cloaked in a Redskins outfit herself, she turned the innocent military crowd into “Not So Innocent” by debuting her new hit single “Me Against the Music.”

To conclude the show, Aerosmith came on to sing their classic tune “Dream on” and Aretha Franklin gave her stately version of the “Star-Spangled Banner.” After the music was over, the crowd was afforded the opportunity to watch the hard-hitting NFL action on the giant big-screen televisions positioned around the Mall.

“This was the most fun I’ve had since I’ve been in Maryland,” said Emily Hunt, an 11-year old family member from Fort Meade. “Aerosmith and Mary J. Blige rocked. This was the first concert I’ve ever been to, and it was an awesome sight to see so many people in one place. I loved it.”



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Emily Hunt, an 11-year old family member from Fort George G. Meade, Md., enjoyed the NFL kickoff celebration.



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Members of the Armed Forces were treated to a bombastic pop festival at the Mall in Washington to kick-off the 2003 NFL season. Servicemembers and their families enjoyed front row seats as they listened to the sounds of Good Charlotte, Mary J. Blige, Britney Spears, Aerosmith and Aretha Franklin.

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Vision Statement

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